



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Minoru YAMADA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2652

Application No.: 09/812,997

Examiner: M. Battaglia

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Docket No.: 109016

For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL HEAD

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
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